

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated January 22, 2009 has been received and duly noted.

Claims 10 and 25 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-9 and 11-24 were rejected as being unpatentable over GB2115510. The Examiner acknowledges that the first body does not have a bore, as recited in Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that elongate connection structure is on an exterior of the first body, connecting a first flange to the elongate connection structure, connecting a second flange on an exterior of the second body, and connecting the second flange with the first flange, thereby connecting the second body to the first body and axially positioning the second body in a desired axial position along the second axis as a function of the reduced axial length of the first body. Applicant respectfully submits that this combination is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited reference. In addition to the first body not having a bore therein, the cited reference does not teach the first flange connected to the elongate connection structure on the exterior of the first body, a second flange on an exterior of the second body, and connecting the first and second flanges as recited in amended Claim 1.

Dependent Claim 4 has been amended to indicate that connecting the second body with the first body comprises threadably engaging the internal threaded connection member with the exterior of the first body. Dependent Claims 6, 8, and 10 have also been amended in view of the changes to Claim 1.

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Independent Claim 13 has also been amended to recite providing an elongate connection structure on an exterior of the first body, and connecting the flange with the first body at the desired axial connection location. Even if the flange were to be considered a knob E, the cited reference does not suggest connecting a second body to the flange, thereby connecting the second body to the first body and axially positioning the second body at a desired position as a function of the reduced axial length of the first body. Dependent Claim 14 has been amended in view of the amendment to Claim 13.

In view of the above, early allowance of the application is requested.

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